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TO EAGLEBURGER FROM HYLAND

1. FOLLOWING IS FIFTH ROUNDUP OF FOREIGN PRESS REACTIONS TO SALZBURG PRESS CONFERENCE AVAILABLE AS OF 1400 EDT, JUNE 17. (AS YET, WE HAVE NOT NOTED ANY REACTION TO RELATED REMARKS IN TEL AVIV PRESS CONFERENCE.)

2. BRITAIN:

(A) THE TIMES' WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT, FRED EMERY, IN AN ARTICLE ON JUNE 14, SPECULATED ABOUT "FRICTION BETWEEN DR. KISSINGER AND MR. NIXON'S ADVISERS" AND ASSERTED THAT "THE PRESIDENT DID NOT WELCOME DR. KISSINGER'S EMOTIONAL OUTBURST IN SALZBURG ON THE EVE OF HIS TRIUMPH." A "CLOSE ADVISOR" OF THE SECRETARY WAS REPORTED AS SAYING THAT THE RESIGNATION THREAT MUST BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY. MARVIN KALB WAS CITED AS REMARKING THAT "DR. KISSINGER MIGHT BE TRYING TO
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PROVOKE THE PRESIDENT'S DEPARTURE" THAT THE SECRETARY KNOWS

THAT IF HE GOES,"THE PRESIDENT WILL NOT BE LONG BEHIND."

(B) COLUMNIST PEREGRINE WORTSHORNE IN THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH, JUNE 16, COMMENTED THAT IT IS "RIDICULOUS" THAT YOU SHOULD BE HARRASSED BY THE MEDIA AT THIS TIME. "THE QUALITY PRESS WHOSE JOB OUGHT TO BE TO GET THESE MATTERS RIGHT, TO ARTICULATE THE ESTABLISHMENT VOICE OF WORLDLY WISDOM IS TAKING THE LEAD IN GETTING THEM WRONG AND ARTICULATING THE VOICE OF UNWORDLY STUPIDITY." BUT THE SAME PAPER'S WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT DECLARED THAT "THE LESSON OF THE PAST FEW WEEKS MAY BE THAT DR KISSINGER IS A REMARKABLE, BRILLIANT, AND EMOTIONAL MAN, BUT NOT NECESSARILY ONE TO BE ENTIRELY TRUSTED OR TAKEN AT FACE VALUE."

(C) THE OBSERVER OF JUNE 16 OPINED THAT YOU "MAY NOT BE ABLE TO FULLY AND FINALLY" AWER SOME OF THE WIRE-TAP CHARGES UNTIL YOU RETIRE. IN THE MINDS OF MANY JOURNALLISTS, IT SAID, YOUR "GREAT OFFENSE" IS THAT YOU "HAVE RENDERED NIXON RESPECTABLE, EVEN TRIUMPHANT IN ONE FIELD. GIVEN THEIR VIEW OF NIXON AS A YOUNGER BROTHER OF BEELZEBUB THAT IS UNPARDONABLE."

3. AUSTRIA; HUGO PORTISCH, WRITING IN THE INDEPENDENT KURIER, JUNE 14, WAS SYMPATHETIC: "EVEN IF KISSINGER HAD REALLY DONE WHAT HE HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH AND WHAT HE LATER TOLD THE SENATE HE DID NOT DO, HE WAS DENYING ONLY WHAT HE HAD A RIGHT TO DO AND WHAT WAS PERFECTLY LEGAL.... WHAT PROMPTED A MAN OF ...KISSINGER'S CALIBER TO DENY WHAT HE COULD HAVE AFFORDED TO ADMIT. MUSTN'T WE DRAW THE CONCLUSION THAT THE WATERGATE AFFAIR HAS LONG GONE BEYOND THE STAGE OF CATHARSIS, DEGENERATING INTO A WITCH HUNT WHICH LEAVES NO ONE UNSCATHED? BASICALLY, IT IS THIS QUESTION WHICH KISSINGER...PUT... TO HIS FELLOW-CITIZENS. WILL THEY UNDERSTAND BEFORE THEY LIGHT THE STAKE?"

4. HUNGARY: A COMMENTATOR ON BUDAPEST TV, JUNE 16, CRITICIZED US CORRESPONDENTS FOR THEIR ACTIONS AT SALZBURG AND SAID THAT THE GREAT MAJORITY OF PEOPLE IN THE US

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SUPPORTS YOUR POLICIES (AND THE PRESIDENT'S) ON PEACE.

5. USSR: STILL NO SOVIET COMMENT OR REPORTING.

6. INDIA: THE LEFTTEST, CONGRESS PARTY-ORIENTED NATIONAL HERALD, WHICH HAD EARLIER TERMED THE RESIGNATION THREAT "MEANINGLESS," COMMENTED THAT "IN WANTING A DISCUSSION OF HIS PUBLIC HONOR, DR KISSINGER IS NOT ASKING

FOR MUCH. WITHOUT ENJOYING PUBLIC TRUST AND CONFIDENCE,
HE CANNOT DISCHARGE HIS RESPONSIBILITIES."

7. LEBANON: AN EDITORIAL IN THE PRO-LIBYAN AS-SAFIR
DESCRIBED THE RESIGNATION THREAT AS A "MANEUVER" AIMED
AT SCARING US BIG BUSINESSMEN WHO ARE IMPATIENTLY
AWAITING THE OPENING OF MARKETS IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

8. BRAZIL: THE NATIONALISTIC DIARIO POPULAR OF SAO PAULO
ASKED: "...HOW CAN KISSINGER, WHOSE MORAL STANDARDS ARE
SO HIGH...WORK WITH NIXON, WHOSE BEHAVIOR IS SO UNSTABLE?"

9. CHINA: STILL NO COMMENT OR REPORTING. SISCO

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